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SUBJECT: NOTARIALS: TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 271060

1. CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE PRECLUDED FROM TAKING DEPOSITIONS
IN VENEZUELA. THIS FUNCTION IS RESERVED TO THE VENEZUELAN
JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THERE IS NO DISTINCTION IN THIS REGARD
BETWEEN DEPOSITIONS IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SUITS.

2. THE TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN
OFFICIALS CAN BE DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.
ACCORDINGLY, THIS PROCEDURE RARELY FOLLOWED. AMERICAN
ATTORNEYS HAVE ON OCCASION TAKEN FRIENDLY WITNESSES
RESIDING IN VENEZUELA TO CURACAO FOR DEPOSITION.
LETTERS ROGATORY ARE SOMETIMES USED TO OBTAIN
EVIDENCE, BUT THIS PROCEDURE ALSO SELDOM USED.
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